

## REMARKS

Claims 2-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by USP Pub. No. 2004/0133369 to Pack. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12, and the claims dependent thereon, are patentable over Pack for at least the following reasons.

It is noted that the priority date of the instant application (November 26, 2002) precedes the filing date of Pack (July 14, 2003). Moreover, while Pack claims priority to US Provisional Application No. 60/395,467, which has a filing date of July 12, 2002, this provisional application did not include Figs. 8A-8D, which is the subject matter relied upon to make the rejection of claim 12 in the pending Office Action. A certified translation of the priority document was filed in the USPTO on Feb. 6, 2006 (as additional copy is enclosed herewith) in order to perfect the claim of priority. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Pack does not constitute prior art to the instant application, and therefore the rejection must be withdrawn.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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